Nu Lambda Chapter Responding to Vulnerable Populations
Each year our School of Nursing sends three groups of students and faculty to the mission field for a week, allowing the graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity to provide nursing care for those less fortunate. 2013 has been no different. The first week of January, a group of MSN students and faculty (around 35 total), went to the Dominican Republic and provided care in clinics around the area of Juan Dolio. They saw about 900+ patients in extremely poor sugar cane villages. The group was able to provide medication and health education, as well as play with the children and talk to the people about their walk with God.

The final week of January, 27 nurse anesthesia students and faculty, along with a hospital administrator from a local facility, also went to the Dominican Republic and split their time between clinics in the poor sugar cane villages and a hospital in the town of La Romano. They were accompanied by two surgeons and surgical care was provided for 45 patients, along with 600+ patients in the villages that required medical care. There was time to enjoy the children in the villages with a game of baseball with Gatorade caps for the ball and sticks for the bat! Our male students really had fun with this and the children LOVED it.

In 2012, during fall break and upcoming spring break in 2013, a group of undergraduate nursing students and faculty visited and will repeat a visit to a small community in Kentucky in the Appalachian Mountains. These students had/have an opportunity to provide basic checks of vital signs, provide health education, diabetes monitoring, hygiene teaching, and mingle with the people of the community.

These three opportunities are such a blessing for our students and our faculty. Of course, cost is a huge issue and some letters requesting support and t-shirt sales are done to help offset the cost. This year, Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Lambda, very generously donated $1,000 to each of the 3 trips to help with the cost. This was a huge blessing for the people in the areas where visits were made, as well as to the students/faculty. It is so good to be able to tell the students that our Nursing Honor Society is involved in the big picture of their education. Not only is Sigma Theta Tau interested in excellence in the classroom, they are interested in excellence in practice. whether in the U.S. or abroad. It was an additional perk that all of the faculty that accompanied the students are members of STTI and many of the students are as well. The support of STTI in ways such as this makes membership in this society a true blessing!
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